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FUN ON THE ICE

Skaters Enjoying Themselves During the Cold Snap.

DOWN AT THE BATHING BEACH

All Ages and Conditions Out on the Steel Runners.

KEPT UP LATE AT NIGHT

The arctic weather of the past week, while bringing sorrow into the homes of the poor, has been a boon to those who enjoy the sports of winter. Tuesday night a thin coating of ice overspread the small

sex, for what charm would skating have without one's best girl along? An ideal winter day was yesterday, and those who are fond of skating were not slow to take advantage of it. The small boy held full sway in the morning, before school was called, and in the early afternoon the ice was given over to a few older



persons whose business engagements were not too pressing and who dislike to be in a crowd. But the great sport of the day began about 4 o'clock in the afternoon. As if by magic, almost, the beach was lined with persons of all ages. Not a few of them were department employees, who were glad to get a breath of real fresh winter ozone and to once more test their prowess. The young men adjusted the runners to the feet of the girls, and in a jiffy they were off, arm in arm, encircling the basin. Not less than 1,500 persons participated in the carnival from 4 to 6 o'clock. Youth predominated, of course, but there was a sprinkling of old age. The older ones renewed their age and joined in the joyous shouts with a vigor that was pleasing, not only to themselves, but to the hundreds of persons who were attentive lookers-on from the beach.

"I can't read readin'."

Beats about Washington, and the continued freezing weather finally manifested itself on the Potomac.

At the bathing beach there has been a veritable carnival during the week. The ice is clear as a crystal and smooth as glass. Hundreds of Washingtonians, from the youngster with his first pair of skates to the 60-whiskered sire, have taken advan-



Very Easy.

cutting a figure which lost him favor at once and for all time. The girl who is learning to skate was very much in evidence in the crowd, and if she were good looking, had little difficulty in finding plenty of tutors. Then there was the pretty girl who feigned that she couldn't stand on her skates, so as to be caught in the arms of the ever-ready young fellow on whom she looks with favor. A real exorcise yesterday afternoon was a woman who weighed not less than 200 pounds who glided back and forth and around with an ease and abandon which might grace with impunity a person of frailer corporeity. For her it was a rare frolic and she was oblivious to the attention she attracted from the crowd on the beach, while her face gradually assumed the appearance of an Italian sunset by one of the old masters.

The purveyor of refreshments was there and there was keen competition between the man who served hot frankfurters and bread for a nickel and a middle-aged colored individual who attracted attention and fattened his exchequer by producing steaming coffee and a roll for a like price. "The coffee on ice" is rather an anomalous announcement, but it struck a happy chord in the stomachs of the tired skaters. Of course, it would be improbable that

among so many persons on the ice at one time, and each trying to get the most out of the enjoyment, that there should not be some accidents or mistakes; and yesterday was no exception. The rattle-headed boy, who will likely never learn that there is anybody else in the world besides himself, attempted to monopolize the entire basin, and was continually running into and knocking down some person who was willing to let others live. Now and then a skater took too great chances in turning a curve, or trying to attract attention to himself. His feet went out from under him and he fell to the ice like a thousand of brick, producing a concussion that must have been anything but pleasant to a person at all sensitive to physical torture.

The colored population were out in full force, and they entered into the spirit of the occasion and enjoyed themselves to the extreme. Many of them proved that they were adepts on the runners. The crowd of skaters was equally large last evening. It was moonlight, and there was a crisp, invigorating air. The number of lookers-on was as great as in the afternoon. It was midnight before the last skater left the basin. Although tired out and departed with a sigh of regret. The boys and girls who attend school are taking advantage of the weekly holiday today, and are in complete possession of the basin.

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LOCAL MATTERS IN CONGRESS.

Bills Introduced and Favorable Reports Ordered.

Mr. Pearce has introduced a bill in the House authorizing the extension of Columbia road east of 13th street to a width of sixty feet, so that the western terminus of Steuben street will connect with the eastern terminus of Columbia as now located west of 13th street. One-half the damages for the condemnation of the land shall be assessed against the property benefited by the proposed improvement.

A bill has been introduced in the House similar to the measure offered in the Senate, authorizing the Batchelor Pneumatic Tube Company to lay a pneumatic tube between the government printing office and the Capitol.

Compulsory Support of Children. The bill to provide for the compulsory support of children by parents, which was favorably reported yesterday, provides that any person within the District who shall wilfully and unnecessarily refuse or neglect to provide for any child under the age of fourteen years, of which he or she shall be the parent or guardian, such food, clothing and shelter, as will prevent the suffering and secure the safety of such child shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be subject to punishment by a fine of not more than \$100 or by imprisonment in the workhouse of the District of Columbia for not more than three months, or both such fine and imprisonment.

It provides that when a child shall be committed to the board of children's guardians and against which purchase or tribute to its support when possible, and in case of refusal they are to be prosecuted for committing a misdemeanor.

School Lot in Brookland. Senate bill 1873 provides that the Commissioners be authorized to acquire, by purchase or condemnation, for school purposes, lot 11, in block 13, of the subdivision of Brookland, in the District of Columbia. For such purpose the sum of \$2,000 is appropriated, one-half of which will be charged to the revenues of the District of Columbia.

Penitentiary Heights. The bill revoking the subdivision of Penitentiary Heights, which adjoins the grounds of the Government Hospital for the Insane, was approved, as none of the lots of this subdivision have been sold, and since the subdivision was made the law relating to such subdivisions has been so changed that the land may be laid out more to the advantage of the owners than is now the case.

This is the same property that it has been suggested the government should purchase in order to make it a part of the grounds of the Government Hospital for the Insane, and the following purchase members of the Congress Heights Citizens' Association have filed a protest.

Episcopal Convention. The bill to incorporate the convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church gives the corporation power to receive and hold contributions for the purpose of an Episcopal residence, and the following church, church and parish schools, churches or mission chapels and for the purpose of creating a permanent fund or endowment for the support of the episcopate in said diocese, etc.

To Consider Local Taxation. The Senate committee on the District of Columbia has designated Messrs. Hanchbrough, Kenney and Clark as a subcommittee on taxation, and all bills relating to the taxation in the District and referred to the District committee will be placed in the hands of this subcommittee.

Bad Heart—Could Not Lie Down for Eighteen Months. "I was unable to lie down in my bed for eighteen months, owing to another ailment caused by heart disease. One bottle of Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart removed the trouble, and today I am as well as ever I was."—J. W. Law, Thomas Junction, Va. This is but one of a thousand such testimonials to the most reliable medicine ever sold by W. J. Williams, 9th and F sts., EDMONDSON & WILLIAMS, 2d and Pa. ave.

Debating Society Chooses Officers. Officers of the debating society of the Columbian University were elected last evening as follows: President, Dwight Anderson of the District of Columbia; vice president, R. B. Watts of Alabama; secretary, W. A. McNeill of Tennessee; treasurer, D. O. Hastings of Delaware; critic, J. P. Langley of Louisiana, and the following executive committee: John W. Langley of Kentucky, chairman, and W. S. Smith, W. F. Peffer, J. H. Milans, A. R. Stuart, Thos. S. Merrill and L. L. French.